

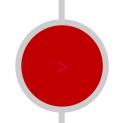


# Welcome!

CXI TUL

#### **ABOUT US**





The Institute for Nanomaterials, Advanced Technologies and Innovations (CXI) is a research center of the Technical University of Liberec. Our goal is to contribute to the development of a region traditionally oriented towards technical industries.



A total of 13 departments concentrate their joint efforts not only in the macro world, but also in a world a million times smaller than a millimeter, the world subjected to different physical rules. The one called the nanoworld.



Every year, around 70 research projects employ more than 160 scientific, technical and administrative staff. Students also cooperate on research projects here.

#### **ABOUT US**





### THE INSTITUTE FOR NANOMATERIALS, ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATION (CXI)

The Institute was established within the OP RDI project "Center for Nanomaterials, Advanced Technologies and Innovations" as one of the first centers of this type in the Czech Republic. The CXI building was opened in the year 2012.

In the years 2009 - 2013, a highly sophisticated university research center was built with an emphasis on the applicability of research and development results in practice.

The project supported TUL's long-term activities in the field of industrial innovation with qualified personnel and state-of-the-art equipment.



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CXI has more than 160 employees (22 of whom are foreigners):

- supervisors and independent researchers (C3 and C4)
- senior researchers (C2)
- junior researchers (C1)
- technicians / lab assistants
- administrative support

The average age is around 41 years. 51 % of CXI employees are women.

CXI collaborates throughout the university and provides also facilities for students.

#### RESEARCH DIRECTIONS





Nanomaterials in natural sciences focus on research, development, synthesis, behavioral description, and application of advanced materials, especially nanomaterials, mostly in the field of environmental protection and life sciences. A great emphasis is placed on environmentally friendly technologies and "green" materials.



Competitive engineering focuses on research, development and use of advanced engineering technologies and structures, especially mechatronic systems, power units and other components of machines and vehicles and advanced methods for processing new materials.

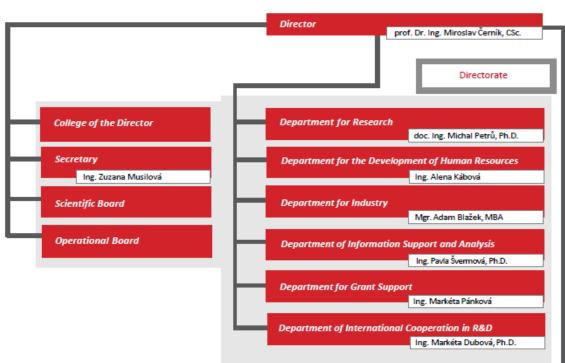


**System integration** deals with the development of state-of-the-art SW solutions, data processing and integration between systems, providing communication interface for industrial practice. An integral part of the direction is the field of robotics, including the use of collaborative and sensitive robots, design and development of appropriate control software.



# Organizational structure and human resources

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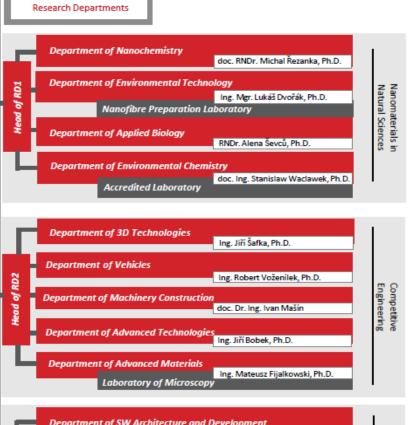


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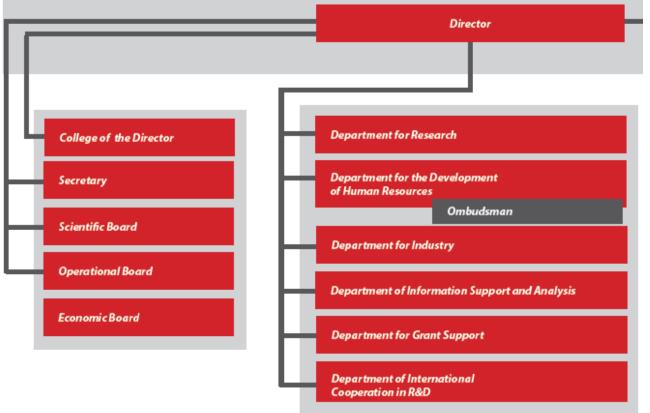
#### Organization structure

The Institute for Nanomaterials, Advanced Technologies and Innovation

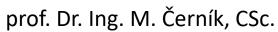














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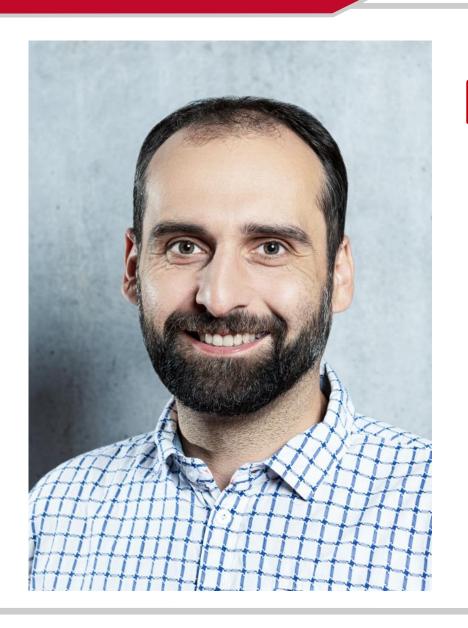




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#### RESEARCH DIRECTIONS











Nanomaterials in natural sciences

Lukáš Dvořák



**Competitive engineering** 

Jiří Šafka



System integration

Jan Kočí





### Ing. Mgr. Lukáš Dvořák, Ph.D.

Head of research direction Nanomaterials in Natural Sciences and Department of Environmental Technology

#### NANOMATERIALS IN NATURAL SCIENCES











DEPARTMENT
OF NANOCHEMISTRY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT
OF APPLIED BIOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY

The research direction of **nanomaterials in natural sciences** combines basic and applied research, advanced technologies including hi-tech analysis, not only environmental contaminants. Great emphasis is also put on synthesis and testing of different nanomaterials and their verification in practical application, mainly in water treatment processes.

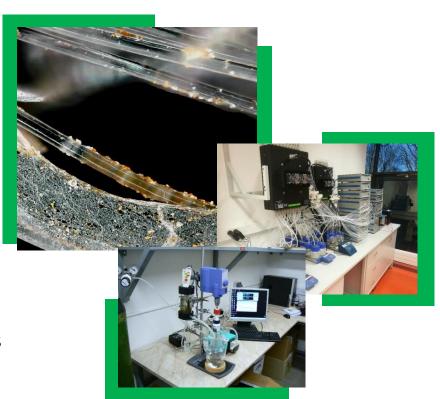
# DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Advanced (waste)water treatment technologies
- Membrane bioreactors and systems with biomass carriers
- Effective groundwater remediation by nano- and microiron
- Application of nanomaterials in various treatment processes and technologies
- Development and testing of nano-based filters

- Project and contracted R&D in cooperation with industrial partners and stakeholders
- Taylor-made research and development
- Examination and intensification of current treatment processes
- Independent expert evaluation







doc. Ing. Stanislaw Waclawek, Ph.D.

Department of Environmental Chemistry

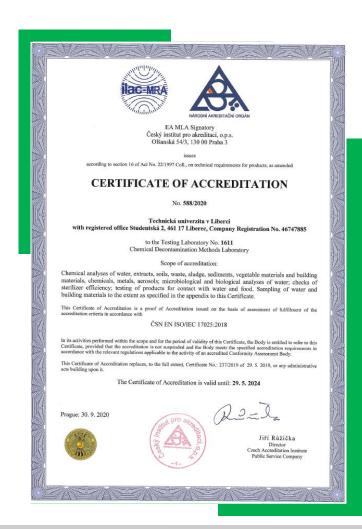
## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Toxic substances in the environment advanced methods of their monitoring and catalytic elimination
- Nanostructured sorbents for analytical preconcentration of pollutants
- Phytoindications of groundwater pollution (phytoaccumulation, phytoremediation)
- Advanced methods of chemical instrumental analysis

- Analytical background for internal research groups, external scientists and industrial customers
- Solving common environmental problems with a focus on pollutants







### doc. RNDr. Michal Řezanka, Ph.D.

Department of Nanochemistry

# DEPARTMENT OF NANOCHEMISTRY



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Synthesis of chemical compounds
- Use of sol-gel method for preparation of nanomaterials
- Preparation of cyclodextrin-functionalized nanomaterials
- Use of nanomaterials in tissue engineering and catalysis

- Physico-chemical analyses of (nano)materials
- Synthesis of organic or inorganic compounds
- Preparation of nanoparticles
- (Nano)material functionalization
- Organic and inorganic chemistry consulting







# RNDr. Alena Ševců, Ph.D.

Department of Applied Biology

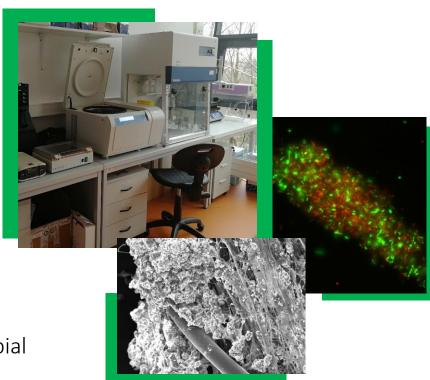
## DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED BIOLOGY



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Development of nanomaterials and porous structures for regenerative medicine, drug delivery and cosmetics
- Study of microbial activity in relation to the safety of radioactive waste repositories
- Influence of nanomaterials and microplastics on natural microbial communities

- Verification of antimicrobial efficacy of photocatalytic surfaces
- Bioremediation, the impact of remediation interventions on microbial communities
- Electrospinning, development of nanofiber matrices and nanomaterials
- Risks of nanomaterials
- Evaluation of interactions of nanomaterials with tissue cells

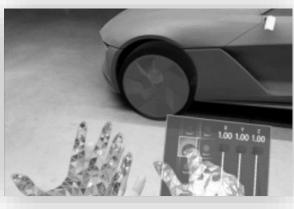


#### RESEARCH DIRECTIONS











### Nanomaterials in natural sciences

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# **Competitive engineering**

Jiří Šafka



### System integration

Jan Kočí





### Ing. Jiří Šafka, Ph.D.

Head of research direction Competitive Engineering and Department of 3D Technologies

# COMPETITIVE ENGINEERING













DEPARTMENT OF 3D TECHNOLOGIES

DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLES

DEPARTMENT OF MACHINES DESIGN

DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED MATERIALS

The research direction of **competitive engineering** combines research and development in the areas of manufacturing and the automotive industry with great application potential. The workplaces support the industrial activities of companies not just in the close-by regions and focus on the application of new technologies and technological procedures to ensure a higher degree of innovation in industrial production.

### DEPARTMENT OF 3D TECHNOLOGIES



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Advanced research in specialized additive technologies
- Comprehensive activities include not only 3D printing using the most appropriate technology concerning the material to be processed and the targeted product properties but also data preparation, optimization of product geometries or their elements (topological optimization), post-processing operations and the development of new sustainable materials for additive technologies
- Investigating different technological approaches to accuracy, and quality of output parts to increase application possibilities and usability of 3D printed products

- Research and development of 3D printing technologies
- Design of application-specific 3D printing components and topological optimization
- New 3D printing applications in plastics and metals
- Development of new sustainable materials for 3D printing technologies











Ing. Robert Voženílek, Ph.D.

Department of Vehicles

### DEPARTMENT OF VEHICLES



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Development and testing of propulsion systems and engines
- Research and development in the field of electromobility
- Research of economic-emission properties of petrol and diesel internal combustion engines for liquid, gaseous fuels and their mixtures
- Power transmission systems in classical and hybrid engine arrangements

- New hybrid drive systems
- Modifications of mobile and stationary devices meeting future EU 6 emission limits and greenhouse gas limits with emphasis on the use of new types of fuels from renewable sources







### doc. Dr. Ing. Ivan Mašín

Department of Machines Design

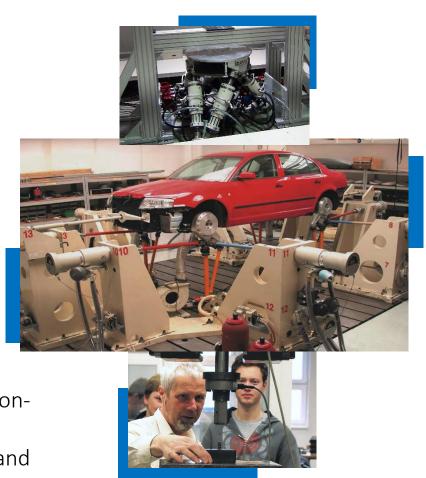
### DEPARTMENT OF MACHINES DESIGN



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Human safety and comfort in vehicles (land, air, water)
- Testing of new concepts and constructions of parts of mobile means of transport
- Mechatronic systems with active regulation

- Custom machine design
- Measurement of physical properties of active and passive vibrationinsulating materials
- Implementation of advanced technologies for product and equipment development using new procedures and methods







Ing. Jiří Bobek, Ph.D.

Department of Advanced Technologies

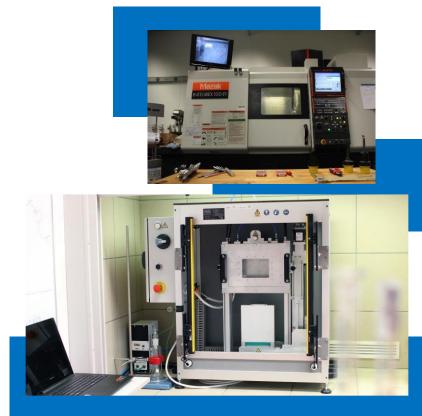
# DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Development, research, innovation and application of progressive non-chip technologies for processing plastics, composites, metals and non-ferrous metals (casting, welding, forming and processing of plastics and composites)
- Parametrization of technological processes, optimization of processes with regard to efficiency, economy and the environment

- Measurement of technological parameters during machining with defined and undefined cutting edge geometry
- Highly specialized measurements with unique devices
- Research, innovation and application of progressive technologies









Ing. Mateusz Fijalkowski, Ph.D.

Department of Advanced Materials

# DEPARTMENT OF ADVANCED MATERIALS



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Optimized unconventional structures of materials with a high degree of functionality, study of these materials and search for new areas of application
- Elaboration of methodology for measuring properties of thin films and coatings
- Machining technology, creating new types of layers and coatings suitable for specific applications

- Comprehensive analyzes of materials, including microanalysis
- Material research focused on the development of linear and three-dimensional nanofiber structures, study of nanoparticles
- Professional support in solving production and technological issues in the industrial sphere







## RESEARCH DIRECTIONS









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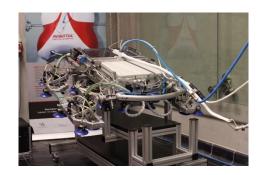
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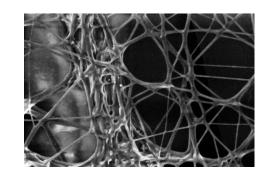
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## SYSTEM INTEGRATION











DEPARTMENT OF SW ARCHITECTURE AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF MECHATRONIC SYSTEMS AND ROBOTICS

DEPARTMENT OF PROCESS MODELING & AI

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS

The research direction system integration focuses on research and development of modern software solutions, system solutions for data processing and integration between systems, and the provision of communication interfaces. An integral part of the direction is the field of robotics, including the use of collaborative or sensitive robots. The emphasis is being put on the introduction of state-of-the-art elements of visualization and projection of measured data, including the use of mixed / augmented reality.

## **PROCESS MODELLING & AI**



### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Process modelling using mathematical, physical and numerical methods or principles of machine learning and artificial intelligence
- Robot process automation
- Big data storage, processing and analysis
- Complex application of data-driven approach to business or manufacturing processes

- Image & pattern recognition
- Machine learning & prediction models
- Data storage, analysis, reporting
- Robotic process automation







# Ing. Jindřich Cýrus, Ph.D.

Department of SW Architecture and Development

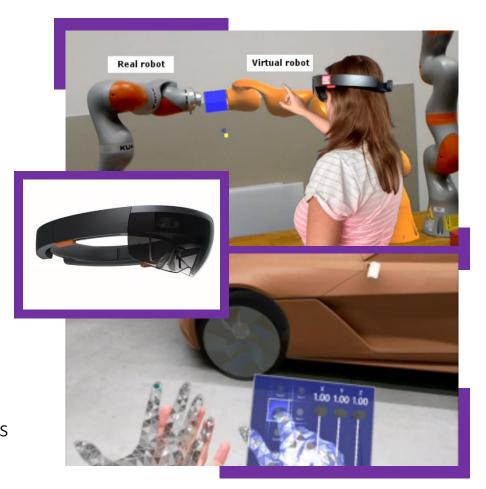
# DEPARTMENT OF SW ARCHITECTURE AND DEVELOPMENT



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Research and development of modern software solutions, system solutions for data processing, integration between systems and communication interfaces
- Design of sw and hw solution architecture, which is implemented in target processes, using IoT devices, Cloud services and augmented reality
- Pillars of Industry 4.0 in product design and development

- Design and application of IoT Technologies
- Use of augmented and mixed reality
- Design and implementation of artificial intelligence algorithms into processes
- Cloud solutions architecture







Ing. Michal Kotek, Ph.D.

Department of Physical Measurement

# DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Research, development and use of tools and methods for contactless detection and measurement
- Measurement of physical quantities in industrial technological processes
- Experimental research in fluid mechanics with emphasis on non-stationary and multiphase flow
- Image information processing in industry

- Application of "Global Imaging Methods" (LDA, PIV, microPIV, PLIF, IPI) in experimental fluid mechanics
- Advanced forms of industrial automation
- Monitoring and quality control of industrial products







# Ing. Tomáš Martinec, Ph.D.

Department of Mechatronic Systems and Robotics

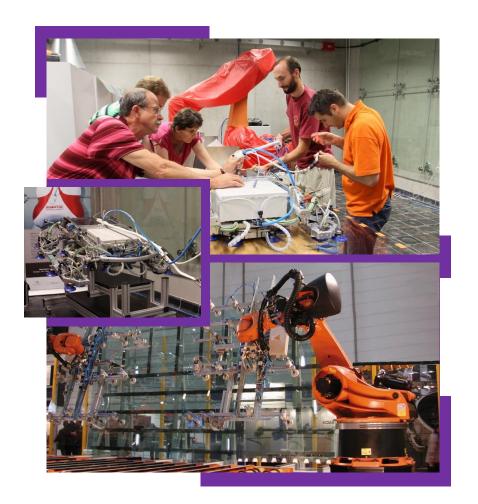
# DEPARTMENT OF MECHATRONIC SYSTEMS AND ROBOTICS



#### MAIN RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Innovative research of autonomous service robots
- Development of partial equipment of robotic technological workplaces and integration into production lines
- Solution of specific structural nodes of industrial robots and their effectors, mechatronic elements of automation technology and peripherals of robotic workplaces

- Implementation of elements with a high degree of intelligence and new materials in robotic and mechatronic systems with more degrees of freedom and in standard drive topologies
- Rehabilitation robotics (exercise bikes, medical beds, ..)



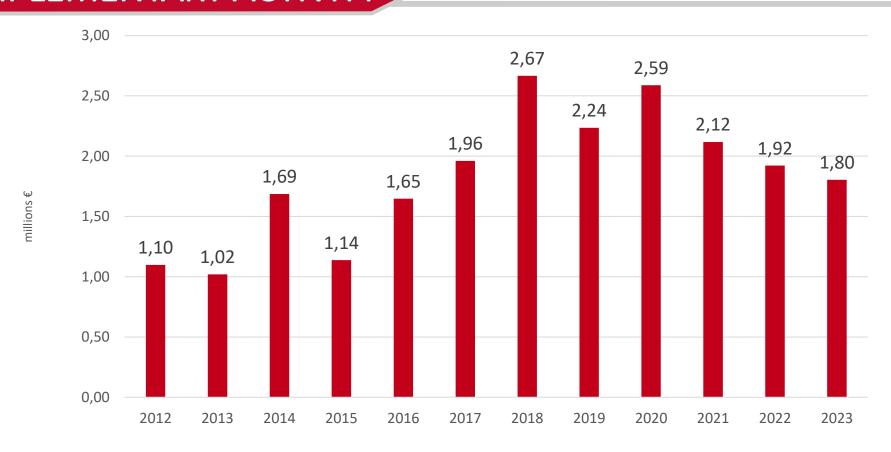


# Interesting information

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# CONTRACT RESEARCH AND COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITY



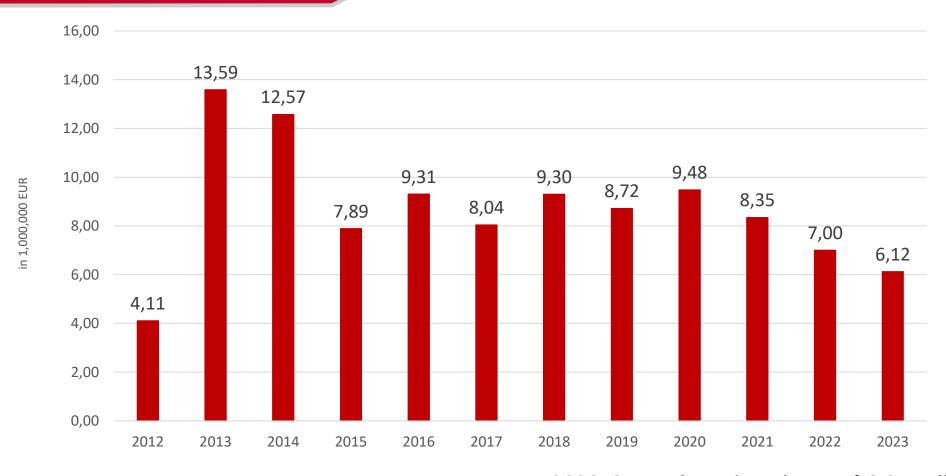


- 2016: contract volume 1.65 mil. EUR
- 2017: contract volume 1.96 mil. EUR
- 2018: contract volume 2.67 mil. EUR
- 2019: contract volume 2.24 mil. EUR

- 2020: contract volume 2.59 mil. EUR
- 2021: contract volume 2.12 mil. EUR
- 2022: contract volume 1.92 mil. EUR
- 2023: contract volume 1.80 mil. EUR

# NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GRANTS





- 2016: **71 projects** in volume of **7.73 mil. EUR**
- 2017: 67 projects in volume of 6.08 mil. EUR
- 2018: 82 projects in volume of 6.59 mil. EUR
- 2019: 85 projects in volume of 6.55 mil. EUR

- 2020: **84 projects** in volume of **6.94 mil. EUR**
- 2021: **77 projects** in volume of **6.24 mil. EUR**
- 2022: 90 projects in volume of 7.00 mil. EUR
- 2023: 89 projects in volume of 6.12 mil. EUR

# TOOLS & EQUIPMENT





## More than 100 machines > 13 mil. EUR









# FORMS OF COOPERATION





Contractual research

Services



Common projects
Research and Development

Consortium - AMIA

## PARTNERS (for example)

































# PROJECT SOLUTIONS (e. g.) JOSEF BOŽEK COMPETENCE CENTER FOR

## THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY



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#### Goals:

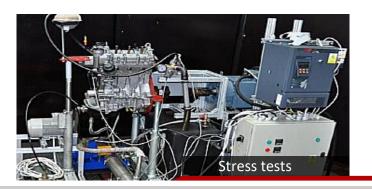
- reducing the consumption of fossil fuels,
- reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- increase safety and comfort.

The Center develops future means of sustainable mobility of road and rail vehicles and further develops the technical levels of fields important for the economy of the Czech Republic.

Connects 4 universities: TUL, ČVUT, VUT Brno, VŠB, and **9 industrial partners**: Škoda Auto a.s., TÜV SÜD Czech s.r.o., Ricardo Prague s.r.o., MOTORPAL a.s., Honeywell, spol. s r.o., BRANO a.s., ČZ a.s., AICTA Design Work, s.r.o. and TATRA, a.s.







## PROJECT SOLUTIONS (e.g.)

**LIFEPOPWAT** 



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## **EU LIFE - LIFEPOPWAT**



LIFEPOPWAT is a European project that combines chemical and microbiological water treatment technologies. The essence of the demonstration system is the Wetland+ wetland cascade, which removes halogenated pollutants from flowing waters with low operating costs.

The aim of the project is to show the functionality of the technology on a full-scale prototype with a flow rate of over 100,000 m3 per year and to verify the procedures for its optimization aiming at smaller and larger water flows with different chemical composition.







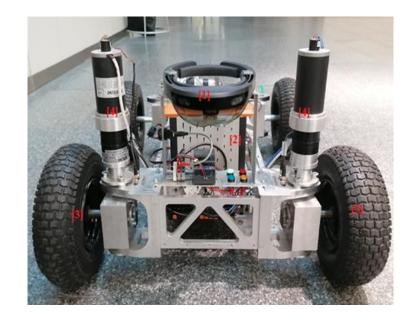
## PROJECT SOLUTIONS (e.g.)

#### **ELECTROMOBILITY**



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# OP VVV - Modular platform for autonomous chassis of specialized electric vehicles for freight and equipment transportation

The aim of the project is the development and experimental verification of a competitive autonomous battery vehicle for the transport of medium and higher weight loads in general terrain.

Solutions to the following scientific research problems represent partial goals of the project:

- modular architecture of the chassis using so-called light constructions,
- drives and accumulators for autonomous commercial electric vehicles,
- research in the field of autonomous commercial electric vehicle control systems using shared reality or the Internet of Things to interact with other entities.

Potential users are logistics operations in the general terrain (construction, mining, agriculture, industrial enterprises, special forces).

# PROJEKTOVÁ ŘEŠENÍ (např.)



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EU LIFE - LIFE4ZOO



LIFE4ZOO (Water Resources Management in Visitor Attractions - FIT4USE Water Recirculation Technology) is a European project aiming to create a "circular economy" system for water use in visitor attractions such as Zoos.

The benefits of water recirculation are reduced demand on primary water resources, reduced cost-saving, reduced demand on sewerage systems and multiple synergies with better use of energy and water resources.

















## PROJECT SOLUTION (e.g.)

P3DT



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## NCK TAČR - Centre for Industrial 3D Printing

The main objective is to increase the potential of additive technologies through the efficient and environmentally friendly use of raw materials or energy, the development of materials with specific properties and the creation of new products, the design of appropriate technologies and the use of digitalization, enabling a high degree of optimization.

The objective will be achieved by implementing sub-projects involving at least 26 partners, resulting in at least 80 applied research results with high implementation potential.

A secondary objective is **creating a platform** exploiting the multiplier effect of interdisciplinary networking of research organisations and industrial leaders with shared know-how, which will facilitate the long-term and sustainable development of additive technologies in the Czech Republic and thus increase its competitiveness.

## PROJECT SOLUTION (e. g.)

**SURRI** 



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## EU HORIZON TWINNING - Sustainable Remediation of Radionuclide Impacts on Land and Critical Materials Recovery

The project SURRI aims to establish a multinational shared research agenda and project pipeline for addressing the challenges radionuclides pose to land remediation and materials recovery, with a particular focus on rare earth elements (REE) and other critical elements, in order to facilitate more efficient cycling and management of water, soil and material resources.

The research concept is based on the integration of electrochemical and microbiological interventions, which can be applied, in-situ or ex-situ, to provide new tools to unlock the remediation of radionuclide affected sites.





## PROJECT SOLUTION (e.g.)









Sachsen - Tschechien | Česko - Sasko

Projekttitel:

Interdisziplinäre Brücke – InterBridge

Název projektu: Interdisciplinární most – InterBridge

Hauptziel des Projektes Hlavní cíl projektu

Die Region Liberec und Sachsen verfügen über ein reiches kulturelles und wissenschaftliches Erbe sowie über begabte Künstler und Wissenschaftler. Deshalb wurde dieses Projekt ins Leben gerufen, um dieses Potenzial zu nutzen und die Zusammenarbeit zwischen Wissenschaft und Kunst auf grenzüberschreitender Ebene zu entwickeln. Das Hauptziel von Interbridge besteht darin, Wissenschaft und Kunst vor allem durch Bildung, neue Technologien und Materialforschung zu verbinden.

Liberecký kraj a Sasko mají bohaté kulturní a vědecké dědictví i talentované umělce a vědce. Proto vznikl projekt, který by umožnil využití tohoto potenciálu a rozvoj spolupráce mezi vědou a uměním na přeshraniční úrovni. Interbridge má jako hlavní cíl propojení vědy a umění především prostřednictvím vzdělávání, nových technologií a materiálového výzkumu.

Leadpartner: Technische Universität in Liberec Technická univerzita v Liberci Projektpartner: Technische Universität Chemnitz
Technická univerzita v Chemnitz

Gesamtkosten des Projektes Celkové náklady projektu

1.190.487,12 Euro





## PROJECT SOLUTION (e. g.)



## PROJEKT LasApp

# Průlomové laserové technologie pro chytrou výrobu, vesmírné a biotechnologické aplikace

je spolufinancován Evropskou unií.

Rozvoj centra vědecké excelence a kompetence v **laserové** technice se zaměřením na vláknové a tenkodiskové lasery a jejich potenciální **aplikace**.









# We look forward to you!

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